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IN THE SPECIFICATION

1. On Page 1, lines 4-5, please delete the sentence beginning with “The present application claims...” and ending with “August 1, 1997” in its entirety, and replace it with the following text:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/685,273 filed October 9, 2000 and entitled “Method and Apparatus for High Performance Branching in Pipelined Microsystems”, now U.S. Patent No. _____, which is a continuation of U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/996,525 filed December 23, 1997 of the same title, now U.S. Patent 6,157,998, which claims priority to provisional application 60/054,545, filed August 1, 1997, all of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.--